

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-234

Application of William Half for an Amended                    )  
Certificate of Public Good for an interconnected                )  
group net-metered wind and photovoltaic electrical            )  
power system    )

Order entered: 8/28/2015

**I. INTRODUCTION**

In this Order, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") approves, subject to conditions, an Application filed by William Half ("Applicant") on June 9, 2015, requesting an Amended Certificate of Public Good ("CPG"), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Board Rule 5.100, for a 15 kW net metering system located in Walden, Vermont. On April 15, 2006, the Board granted a CPG to the Applicant for a group net-metered wind turbine with a system-rated capacity of 10 kW AC. The Applicant now seeks an amendment to install a 5 kW photovoltaic system (the proposed "Project"). The net metering system consists of the existing wind system, the proposed photovoltaic system, and two electric meters.

Notice of the Application has been sent to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the Application as specified in Board Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any person wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter must file comments with the Board within thirty (30) working days of the date that the notice of the Application was sent.

No comments have been received.

The Board has reviewed the Application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, an Amended CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

**II. FINDINGS**

Based upon the Application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

1. The Project will be on property owned by the Applicant and located at 421 Watson Road in Hardwick, Vermont. Application at Section 1.
2. The Project is to be erected on a new structure. Application at Section 4.
3. The Project consists of a photovoltaic electrical generation system with a system-rated output of 5 kW AC. The facility is interconnected with the Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. electrical distribution system. Application at Section 4 and Attachment.
4. The Applicant has identified the two meters in the group by number and location. The Applicant has also provided a method for adding or removing meters included in the group system. Application at Section 7 and Attachment.
5. The Applicant has designated himself as the person responsible for receiving all communications regarding the group system. Application at Section 7.
6. All disputes among users of the group system shall be resolved by the Applicant. Application at Section 7 and Attachment.
7. The Applicant has certified that the Project complies with Section 3 of the Application and that the information provided in Sections 4, 7, and 8 of the Application is true and correct. Application at Sections 3, 4, 7, and 8, and Attachment.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, the Legislature required the Board to develop a net metering program. This program is now embodied in Board Rule 5.100. The goals of the net metering statute are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state, and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and requirements in Rule 5.100 have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability. Our review of this Project has been guided by these considerations.

Based upon the findings made herein, we conclude that the Project complies with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, that the Application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and that the Project will promote the general good of the state.

**IV. ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the photovoltaic net metering system proposed for construction and operation by the Applicant, as amended, in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and an Amended Certificate of Public Good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 28th day of August, 2015.

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| <u>s/James Volz</u>      | ) |                |
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| <u>s/Sarah Hofmann</u>   | ) |                |

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: August 28, 2015

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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*Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and Order.*